

**Iowa Department of Natural Resources
Natural Resource Commission**

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DECISION

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Notice of Intended Action – Chapter 52, Wildlife Refuges

The Commission is requested to approve this Notice to amend Chapter 52, Wildlife Refuges. The amendment adds Sedan Bottoms in Appanoose County and the Jemmerson Slough Complex in Dickinson County to the list of wildlife refuges. It also cleans up this rule by removing several areas from the list that are no longer posted as refuges or have not been functioning effectively as waterfowl refuges.

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Attachment

March 8, 2007

NATURAL RESOURCE COMMISSION [571]
Notice of Intended Action

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code subsection 455A.5(6), the Natural Resource Commission hereby gives Notice of Intended Action to amend Chapter 52, "Wildlife Refuges," Iowa Administrative Code.

The amendments add Sedan Bottoms in Appanoose County and the Jemmerson Slough Complex in Dickinson County to the list of wildlife refuges. They also clean up this rule by removing several areas from the list that are no longer posted as refuges or have not been functioning effectively as waterfowl refuges.

Any interested person may make written suggestions or comments on the proposed amendment on or before April 19, 2007. Written comments may be directed to the Wildlife Bureau's website at www.iowadnr.com or may be sent to the Wildlife Bureau Chief, Department of Natural Resources, Wallace State Office Building, Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0034; fax (515)281-6794. Persons who wish to convey their views orally should contact the Wildlife Bureau at (515)281-6156 or at the Wildlife Bureau offices on the fourth floor of the Wallace State Office Building. Also, there will be public hearings held at 18 locations via the Iowa Communications Network on April 19, 2007. Interested persons should contact the Department at (515)281-5918 for a list of hearing locations or go to the Department's website at www.iowadnr.com. At the hearings, persons may present their views either orally or in writing. At the hearings, persons will be asked to give their names and addresses for the record and to confine their remarks to the subject of the amendment.

Any persons who intend to attend the public hearing and have special requirements such as those related to hearing or mobility impairments should contact the Department of Natural Resources and advise of specific needs.

This amendment is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 481A.5, 481A.6, 481A.8 and 481A.39.

The following amendment is proposed.

Amend subrule 52.1(2), paragraph "a," as follows:

52.1(2) Wildlife refuges.

a. Restrictions. The following areas under the jurisdiction of the department of natural resources are established as game refuges where posted. It shall be unlawful to hunt, pursue, kill, trap, or take any wild animal, bird, or game on these areas at any time, and no one shall carry firearms thereon, except where and when specifically authorized by the department of natural resources. It shall also be unlawful to trespass in any manner on the following areas, where posted, between the dates of September 10 and December 31 of each year, both dates inclusive, except that department personnel and law enforcement officials may enter the area at any time in performance of their duties, and hunters, under the supervision of department staff, may enter when specifically authorized by the department of natural resources.

Area	County
Lake Icaria	Adams
Pool Slough Wildlife Area	Allamakee
Rathbun Area	Appanoose
<u>Sedan Bottoms</u>	<u>Appanoose</u>
Wildlife Exhibit Area	Boone
Sweet Marsh	Bremer

Storm Lake Islands	Buena Vista
Big Marsh	Butler
South Twin Lake	Calhoun
Round Lake	Clay
Little River Recreation Area	Decatur
Allen Green Refuge	Des Moines
Henderson	Dickinson
Jemmerson Slough Complex	Dickinson
Kettleson Area	Dickinson
Spring Run	Dickinson
Ingham Lake	Emmet
Forney Lake	Fremont
Riverton Area	Fremont
Dunbar Slough	Greene
Bays Branch	Guthrie
Green Island Area	Jackson
Hawkeye Wildlife Area	Johnson
Muskrat Slough	Jones
Colyn Area	Lucas
Red Rock Area	Marion, Polk, Warren
Badger Lake	Monona
Tieville/Decatur Bend	Monona
Five Island Lake	Palo Alto
Big Creek-Saylorville Complex	Polk
Chichaqua Area	Polk
Cottonwood Area	Polk
I-35 Area	Polk
Smith Area	Pottawattamie
Lake View Area	Sae
McCausland	Scott
Princeton Area	Scott
Prairie Rose Lake	Shelby
Otter Creek Marsh	Tama
Green Valley Lake	Union
Three Mile Lake	Union
Lake Sugema	Van Buren
Rice Lake Area	Winnebago
Snyder Lake	Woodbury
Elk Creek Marsh	Worth
Lake Cornelia	Wright

Date

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